



10 Facts for Driving in Work Zones

EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED! Usual speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be closed, narrowed, or shifted, and crews may be working on or near the road.

SLOW DOWN! Speeding is one of the major causes of work zones crashes. Obey posted speed limit signs.

DON'T TAILGATE! KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE CAR AHEAD OF YOU! The most common crash in a highway work zone is the rear end collision. So, don't tailgate.

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOUR VEHICLE AND CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT.

PAY ATTENTION TO SIGNS! The warning signs (typically orange) are there to help you and other drivers move safely through the work zone. Observe the posted signs until you see the one that states you have left the work zone.

STAY ALERT AND MINIMIZE DISTRACTIONS! Dedicate your full attention to the roadway and avoid changing radio stations or using cell phones and other electronic devices while approaching and driving in a work zone.

KEEP UP WITH THE TRAFFIC FLOW! Motorists can help maintain traffic flow and posted speeds by merging smoothly, and not slowing to “gawk” at roadwork and crews.

SCHEDULE ENOUGH TIME TO DRIVE SAFELY AND CHECK RADIO, TV, AND WEBSITES FOR TRAFFIC INFORMATION! Expect delays and leave early so you can reach your destination on time.

BE PATIENT AND STAY CALM! Work zones aren't there to personally inconvenience you. Remember, the workers are trying to improve the road and make your future drive better.